

Examiner-Initiated Interview Summary	Application No. 09/712,408	Applicant(s) MCCLELLAN ET AL.	
	Examiner Kathryn Odland	Art Unit 3743	

All Participants:

(1) Kathryn Odland.

(2) Scott Dorland.

Date of Interview: 24 March 2004

Status of Application: _____

(3) _____.

(4) _____.

Time: _____

Type of Interview:

☒ Telephonic

☐ Video Conference

☐ Personal (Copy given to: ☐ Applicant ☐ Applicant's representative)

Exhibit Shown or Demonstrated: ☐ Yes ☒ No

If Yes, provide a brief description:

Part I.

Rejection(s) discussed:

35 USC 102 (a and/or e) over *Frazier et al.* in US 6,231,561; 35 USC 102(b) over *Ehlers* in US 5,224,497

Claims discussed:

1, 5, and 35

Prior art documents discussed:

Frazier et al. (US 6,231,561), *Ehlers* (US 5,224,497), *Allen et al.* (US 6,626,930) and *St. Goar et al.* (US 6,629,534)

Part II.


SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW DESCRIBING THE GENERAL NATURE OF WHAT WAS DISCUSSED:

See Continuation Sheet

Part III.

☒ It is not necessary for applicant to provide a separate record of the substance of the interview, since the interview directly resulted in the allowance of the application. The examiner will provide a written summary of the substance of the interview in the Notice of Allowability.

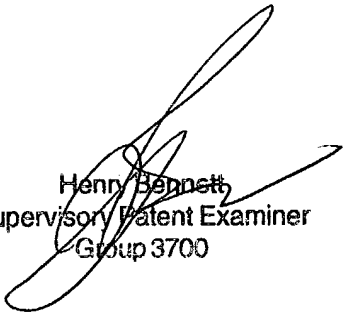
☐ It is not necessary for applicant to provide a separate record of the substance of the interview, since the interview did not result in resolution of all issues. A brief summary by the examiner appears in Part II above.



(Examiner/SPE Signature)

(Applicant/Applicant's Representative Signature – if appropriate)

Continuation of Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was discussed: Applicant was contacted to request amending the independent claims to further define the invention over the prior art of record as well as clarify the claim language with respect to the tissue bundle. Applicant agreed to further define the tissue bundle as inverted as well as folded for clarification. Further, applicant incorporated the limitation of the inflatable member as the grasper to further define over the prior art.



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